

SPS/TBT Notifications Affecting Agricultural Trade

Listed below are proposed changes in international agricultural, food and related standards as notified via the World Trade Organization. The first table provides a summary of all notifications; individual details follow separately. Interested parties may obtain a full text of any notification for review and COMMENT. Simply check the "Request a Copy" check box next to the Notification and return by fax (202) 690-0677 to the attention of Deborah A. Thompson, Food Safety and Technical Services Division in USDA/FAS.

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SPS	CAN/148/A1	Pesticide: Methoxyfenozide (final rule)	Canada	02.0387.A1	<input type="checkbox"/>
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FSTSD # 01.0157.RA **Country -** Canada

Product - Pesticide: L-Cysteine (final rule)

Comment Deadline Date -

Enforcement Date -

WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/100/R

Objective -

FSTSD # 01.0157.RA **Country -** Canada

Product - Pesticide: L-Cysteine (final rule)

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Health Canada has received a submission to permit the use of L-Cysteine in fruit flavoured nutritional supplements as an antioxidant to inhibit the oxidation of ascorbic acid and the polyunsaturated fatty acids in these products.

Evaluation of available data supports the effectiveness and safety of the use of L-Cysteine to extend the shelf life of fruit flavoured nutritional supplements. There is no safety concern with this use because L-Cysteine is a common component of protein and is already part of the consumer's daily diet.

This amendment to the Food and Drug Regulations permits the optional addition of L-Cysteine in all nutritional supplements, as set out in section B.24.201 of the regulations, at a maximum level of use consistent with good manufacturing practice.

The full text of this addendum (final rule) can be downloaded from:
<http://canadagazette.gc.ca/partII/2003/20030521/pdf/g2-13711.pdf> or requested from:

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FSTSD # 02.0383.A1 **Country -** Canada

Product - Pesticide: Thiamethoxam (final rule)

Comment Deadline Date -

Enforcement Date -

WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/146/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: This regulatory amendment will establish an acceptable Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of thiamethoxam and its metabolite in crops on which thiamethoxam is used in other countries.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for thiamethoxam and its metabolite of 0.02 ppm in all food crops would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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FSTSD # 02.0387.A1 **Country -** Canada

Product - Pesticide: Methoxyfenozide (final rule)

Comment Deadline Date -

Enforcement Date -

WTO Type/Number - SPS CAN/148/A

Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: This regulatory amendment will establish Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs) under the Food and Drugs Act for residues of methoxyfenozide in apples, crabapples, loquats, mayhaws, oriental pears, pears and quinces, and in fat, meat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep, and for residues of methoxyfenozide and its metabolite in kidney and liver of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep, in order to permit the import and sale of food containing these residues. By virtue of

FSTSD # 02.0387.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product - Pesticide:** Methoxyfenozide (final rule)
subsection B.15.002(1) of the Food and Drug Regulations, the MRL for other foods is 0.1 parts per million (ppm).

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that MRLs for methoxyfenozide of 1.5 ppm in apples, crabapples, loquats, mayhaws, pears, oriental pears and quinces, and 0.1 ppm in fat, meat and meat by-products of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep, and an MRL for methoxyfenozide, including its metabolite, of 0.1 ppm in kidney and liver of cattle, goats, hogs, horses and sheep would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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FSTSD # 02.0388.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product - Pesticide:** Fenhexamid (final rule)
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/149/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of fenhexamid in order to allow its use for the control of gray mold on blackberries, loganberries and raspberries. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of fenhexamid resulting from this use in blackberries, loganberries and raspberries, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for fenhexamid of 20 ppm in blackberries, loganberries and raspberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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FSTSD # 02.0389.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product - Pesticide:** Permethrin (final rule)
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/150/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of permethrin in order to allow its use for the control of caterpillars and flea beetles on wasabi. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of permethrin resulting from this use in wasabi, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for permethrin of 0.5 ppm in wasabi would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public. This regulatory amendment will also amend the chemical name of permethrin in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.

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Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA), of Health Canada, has recently approved an application to amend the registration of thifensulfuron-methyl in order to allow its use for the control of redroot pigweed, lamb's quarters, velvetleaf, lady's thumb and wild mustard in tomatoes as a post-emergent treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of thifensulfuron-methyl resulting from this use in tomatoes, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for thifensulfuron-methyl of 0.07 ppm in tomatoes would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the public.

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Objective -

Description - The Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) of Health Canada has recently approved an application to amend the registration of nicosulfuron in order to allow its use for the control of black bulrush in blueberries as a post-emergent treatment. This regulatory amendment will establish a Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) for residues of nicosulfuron resulting from this use in blueberries, in order to permit the sale of food containing these residues.

After the review of all available data, the PMRA has determined that an MRL for nicosulfuron of 0.05 ppm in blueberries would not pose an unacceptable health risk to the

FSTSD # 02.0402.A1 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Pesticide: Nicosulfuron (final rule)
public. This regulatory amendment will also amend the chemical name of nicosulfuron in order to comply with international nomenclature conventions.

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FSTSD # 02.0494.A1 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** Microbial Sampling of Ready-to-Eat Produc
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** 10/06/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/683/A
Objective -

Description - ADDENDUM reads: Effective 6 October 2003, the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture is amending its regulations to require official establishments that produce certain ready-to-eat (RTE) meat and poultry products prevent product adulteration by the pathogenic environmental contaminant *Listeria monocytogenes* (*L. monocytogenes*). In particular, under these regulations, establishments that produce RTE meat and poultry products that are exposed to the environment after lethality treatments that support the growth of *L. monocytogenes* will be required to have, in their hazard analysis and critical control point (HACCP) plans, or in their sanitation standard operating procedures (SSOPs) or other prerequisite programs, controls that prevent adulteration by *L. monocytogenes*. The amended regulation also outlines the additional verification steps that FSIS will take in establishments to ensure control of *L. monocytogenes* in certain RTE products and in their processing environments. Additionally, it outlines the regulatory actions that FSIS will follow should a sample of product test positive for a microbial hazard, including *L. monocytogenes*, *Salmonella*, *Escherichia coli* O157:H7 (*E. coli* O157:H7), or staphylococcal enterotoxin. Finally, it outlines the regulatory actions FSIS will follow should a food contact surface environmental sample test positive for a microbial contaminant. Under this directive, establishments producing high and medium risk RTE products (deli meats and hot dogs) that do not have an evaluated environmental testing regime designed to find and take necessary actions to eliminate *Listeria monocytogenes*, will be placed under an intensified testing program by FSIS. This intensified testing program will consist of increased testing of the final product, and testing of food contact surfaces and plant environment. Plants that have an environmental testing program but do not choose to share these testing data with FSIS on an ongoing basis will also fall under the intensified testing program. As a means of verification, those plants that share complete data from their environmental testing program with FSIS will be subject to a targeted testing program, which consists of final product testing. Establishments may make claims on the labels of their RTE products regarding the processes they use to eliminate or reduce *L. monocytogenes* or suppress or limit its growth in these products.

Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Available in English at:
<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OPPDE/rdad/FinalRules03.htm>

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FSTSD # 03.064.R1 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Geraniums
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/161/R
Objective - Plant Protection

FSTSD # 03.064.R1 **Country -** Canada

Product - Geraniums

Description - The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has suspended importation of geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) from Guatemala due to an introduction of Ralstonia solanacearum Race III, biovar 2 linked to Guatemalan sources. On 18 February 2003, the CFIA suspended importation of geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) from Kenya because of an outbreak of Ralstonia solanacearum Race III, biovar 2 in exporting Kenyan greenhouses. D-02-02 lists Ralstonia solanacearum Race III as a quarantine pest for Canada.

EMERGENCY MEASURE: Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action: The CFIA has suspended importation of geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) from Guatemala because of the identification of a greenhouse infected with Ralstonia solanacearum Race III, biovar 2 in Canada that has been traced back to exports from Guatemala. R. solanacearum is a serious plant pest, causing brown rot in potatoes and bacterial wilt in tomatoes.

On 14 April 2003, the CFIA was advised of the presence of R. solanacearum Race III, biovar 2, in a greenhouse in Ontario on material imported from Guatemala. The CFIA has quarantined this facility in question and is taking action to prevent the possible spread of this disease, including the suspension of importation of geraniums from Guatemala as well as trace out of material from the facility. This measure will remain in place until appropriate risk mitigation measures are developed.

The CFIA has suspended importation of geraniums (Pelargonium spp.) from Kenya because of an outbreak of Ralstonia solanacearum Race III, biovar 2 in exporting Kenyan greenhouses. R. solanacearum is a serious plant pest, causing brown rot in potatoes and bacterial wilt in tomatoes.

On 14 February 2003, the CFIA was advised of the presence of R. solanacearum Race III, biovar 2, on imported geraniums of Kenyan origin distributed in Canada. The CFIA has contained all shipments and is taking action to prevent the possible spread of this disease, including the suspension of importation of geraniums from Kenya. This measure will remain in place until appropriate risk mitigation measures are developed.

In addition, CFIA is reviewing its Pest Risk Assessment for this disease to determine if further actions should be taken to prevent the spread of R. solanacearum Race III, biovar 2, from other countries where this disease is present.

NOTE: Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable): Guatemala - 15 April 2003;
Kenya - 18 February 2003

FSTSD # 03.222 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** Cattle from Mexico

Comment Deadline Date - 8/4/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/744

Objective - Animal Health

Description - APHIS is proposing to amend the animal importation regulations to prohibit the importation of Holstein cross steers and Holstein cross spayed heifers from Mexico. The regulations currently prohibit the importation of Holstein steers and Holstein spayed heifers from Mexico due to the high incidence of tuberculosis in that breed, but do not place any special restrictions on the importation of Holstein cross steers and Holstein cross spayed heifers from Mexico. Given that the incidence of tuberculosis in Holstein cross cattle and Holstein cross steers is comparable to the incidence of tuberculosis in Holstein steers and Holstein spayed heifers, this action is necessary to protect the health of domestic livestock in the United States.

FSTSD # 03.223 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** ...Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel

Comment Deadline Date - 8/3/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/745

Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

FSTSD # 03.223 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** ...Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel

Description - In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request by registrants to voluntarily cancel certain pesticide registrations. This notice announces receipt by the Agency of applications from registrants to cancel 33 pesticide products registered under section 3 or 24(c) of FIFRA. These registrations are listed in sequence by registration number (or company number and 24(c) number) in Table 1 of this unit:

Table 1.--Registrations With Pending Requests for Cancellation :000100 (ID-02-0018)
Cyclone concentrate/gramoxone max, 000241 (ID-99-0006) Raptor Herbicide, 000264-00456 Ethoprop (technical grade), 000264-00465 Mocap 10% granular namaticide and insecticide, 000264-00465 Whip 1 Ed herbicide, 000264 FL-85-0001Mocap namatacide insecticide 10% granular, 000264 ME-93-0003 Mocap 10% granular namaticide – insecticide, 000400 NE-02-0005, OR-02-0008, WA-02-0006 Dimilin 2L, 001812-00424 Griffin boa herbicide, 006218-00069 Summit Permicide, 028293-00094 Unicorn dairy spray for milk houses and animals/Unicorn automatic sequential insecticide, 028293-00156 Unicorn Pet Shampoo, 028293-00157 Unicorn pyfen fogger, 028293-00168 Unicorn 7900, 028293-00170 Unicorn 7920, 028293-00172 Unicorn flea and tick shampoo, 028293-00184 Unicorn liquid plant spray #2, 028293-00186 Unicorn (vegetable and ornamental)spray #2 cetic acid, 028293-00187 Unicorn vegetable spray concentrate, 028293-00189 Unicorn fogger, 028293-00193 Unicorn fogger, 028293-00262 unicorn ear miticide IV, 046813-00020 CCL wasp and hornet killer, 049403-00004 Nipa BCP disinfectant, 049403-00005 Sanco-phene, 062719-00245 Loragan 4E-SG, 062719 ID-95-0018 Transline.

Unless a request is withdrawn by the registrant within 180 days of publication of this notice, or 30 days where indicated, orders will be issued canceling all of these registrations. Users of these pesticides or anyone else desiring the retention of a registration should contact the applicable registrant directly during the indicated comment period.

FSTSD # 03.224 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** ...Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain P

Comment Deadline Date - 8/4/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 08/04/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/746

Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - In accordance with section 6(f)(1) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, EPA is issuing a notice of receipt of request for amendments by registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations. Section 6(f)(1) of FIFRA provides that a registrant of a pesticide product may at any time request that any of its pesticide registrations be amended to delete one or more uses. FIFRA further provides that, before acting on the request, EPA must publish a notice of receipt of any request on the Federal Register.

This notice announces receipt by the Agency of applications from registrants to delete uses in certain pesticide registrations. These registrations are listed in the following Table 1 by registration number, product name/active ingredient, and specific uses deleted:

Registration no.	Product Name	Active Ingredient	Delete From Label
000264-00328	SEVIN Brand 80% Dust Base Carbaryl Insecticide	Carbaryl	Poultry
000264-00335	SEVIN Brand RP4 Carbaryl Insecticide	Carbaryl	Poultry
001812-00353	Trilin 5	Trifluralin	Eggplant, onion uses
002749-00106	Phorate Technical	Phorate	Wheat
008119-00008	Hinder Deer & Rabbit	Ammonium salts of	Soybeans

FSTSD # 03.224 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** ...Amendments to Delete Uses in Certain P
Repellent Ready-to-Use C8-18 and C18' and peanuts
Fatty acids

062719-00306	Starane+Salvo	Acetic acid; fluroxpyr 1-methylheptyl ester	Oats
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062719-00333	Starane+Saber	Dimethylamine 2,4D Fluroxpyr 1- methylheptyl ester	Oats
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Users of these products who desire continued use on crops or sites being deleted should contact the applicable registrant before August 4, 2003 to discuss withdrawal of the application for amendment. This 180-day period will also permit interested members of the public to intercede with registrants prior to the Agency's approval of the deletion.

FSTSD # 03.225 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** Pesiticide: : Mesotrione...

Comment Deadline Date - 3/4/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 01/03/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/747

Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - This regulation establishes a tolerance for residues of mesotrione in or on corn, pop, grain and corn, pop, stover. EPA has sufficient data to assess the hazards of and to make a determination on aggregate exposure, consistent with section 408(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), for a tolerance for residues of mesotrione at 0.01 ppm. These tolerances were requested under FFDCA, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 (FQPA).

FSTSD # 03.226 **Country -** United States of A **Product -** Pesticide: 4-(Dichloroacetyl)-1-Oxa-4-Azas

Comment Deadline Date - 3/31/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS USA/748

Objective - Food Safety, Protect Humans from Animal/Plant Pest or Disease

Description - Description of content: This regulation establishes import tolerances for residues of 4-(dichloroacetyl)-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane (CAS No. 71526-07-3) in or on corn commodities. This tolerance was requested under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act (FQPA) of 1996. In a pesticide petition (5E4503) there was a request for permanent tolerances for 4-(dichloroacetyl)-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane in or on corn commodities at 0.005 ppm. The petitioner asked in a letter dated January 15, 2002, that 40 CFR 180.465 be amended by establishing an import tolerance for residues of the herbicide safener 4-(dichloroacetyl)-1-oxa-4-azaspiro[4.5]decane, in or on corn commodities at 0.005 parts per million (ppm) with no U.S. registrations.

FSTSD # 03.227 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Ash Nursery Stock

Comment Deadline Date - 7/14/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 07/21/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/171

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This document states that ash nursery stock will now require a Pest Risk Assessment when imported from new sources. This is an enforcement of a previously existing but unenforced requirement.

FSTSD # 03.228 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Maple Nursery Stock

Comment Deadline Date - 7/14/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 07/21/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/172

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This document states that maple nursery stock will now require a Pest Risk Assessment when imported from new sources. This is an enforcement of a previously existing but unenforced requirement.

FSTSD # 03.229 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Oak Nursery Stock

Comment Deadline Date - 7/14/2003 **Enforcement Date -** 07/21/03 **WTO Type/Number -** SPS CAN/173

FSTSD # 03.229 **Country -** Canada **Product -** Oak Nursery Stock

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - This document states that oak nursery stock will now require a Pest Risk Assessment when imported from new sources. This is an enforcement of a previously existing but unenforced requirement.

FSTSD # 03.330 **Country -** European Union **Product -** Animal Feedingstuffs

Comment Deadline Date - 8/5/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS EEC/200

Objective - Food Safety, Animal Health

Description - This proposal seeks to ensure that feed safety is considered at all stages, from – and including – primary production up to – and including – the placing on the feed market, that may have an impact on feed and food safety.

A comprehensive overview of the practical implications of this proposal is provided in Press Notice IP/03/567 available at <http://europa.eu.int/rapid/start/cgi/guesten.ksh>

FSTSD # 03.331 **Country -** Indonesia **Product -** Skin/Hide and Leather...

Comment Deadline Date - 8/5/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS IDN/19

Objective - Animal Health

Description - Health Requirements for Importation of skin/hide/leather used for industrial raw materials are applied in accordance with Indonesia policy regarding maximum security in order to maintain the free status of Indonesia, for exotic animal disease. The health requirement for importation of such commodities are based on the exporting country disease status, which include :

1. With regard to the major disease-epidemic countries, importation of most types of skin/hide/leather, regardless the stage of production process, from such countries to Indonesia is not permitted, after the occurrence of the outbreak(s) of such disease(s) in a particular country is declared by the OIE. In the case of finished leather, importation of this commodity may be permitted after the Controlling, Inspection and Approval (CIA) is carried out in the country of origin (willing to export) the products to Indonesia.

2. In relation to infected or endemic countries, import can only be undertaken for wet blue, crust and finished leather. Meanwhile, wet pickled may be permitted after the CIA is carried out in the country willing to export the product to Indonesia.

For the major disease-free countries, import of all types of skin/hide/leather to Indonesia is permitted.

FSTSD # 03.332 **Country -** Korea **Product -** Plants, plant products and prohibited article

Comment Deadline Date - 8/5/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS KOR/127

Objective - Plant Protection

Description - The Proposed Amendments are as follows:

- Possessor or agent desiring to export plants, plant products and prohibited articles to third countries through the territory of the Republic of Korea should get a transit approval from the chief of the National Plant Quarantine Service of the Republic of Korea.

-All the transit articles are subject to quarantine safeguards designated by the Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and should not be released within the territory of the Republic of Korea;

-Previously, plants and plant products could only be imported through seaports and airports designated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. The amendment permits plants and plant products to be imported through other designated gateways such as stations.

FSTSD # 03.333 **Country -** Korea **Product -** Plants or Plant Products Imported into Kore

FSTSD # 03.333 **Country -** Korea **Product -** Plants or Plant Products Imported into Korea
Comment Deadline Date - 8/5/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** SPS KOR/128
Objective - Plant Protection
Description - Based on the result of Pest Risk Assessment (PRA) conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 3.1 of the Ministerial Ordinance of the Plant Protection Act, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry adds 36 species such as *Anastrepha serpentina*, *Botryosphaeria zeae* etc., to the list of the quarantine pests and deletes 3 species of quarantine pests such as Iris severe mosaic virus etc., from the list.

FSTSD # 03.098 **Country -** Latvia **Product -** Growing and Marketing of Seed of Oil and
Comment Deadline Date - **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** TBT LVA/7
Objective - To protect growers from using seed material of poor quality.
Description - Regulation establishes requirements for seed production of oil seed and fibre crops, classification for seed material in categories requirements for packing and labelling, content of seed production and seed circulation documents.

Regulation regulates a level of moisture content of all oil seed and fibre crop species, validity terms of seed certificate and seed quality testing results.

Requirements for field inspection, seed quality testing are included in the Regulation as well.

FSTSD # 03.099 **Country -** El Salvador **Product -** Roasted and Ground Coffee
Comment Deadline Date - 6/23/2003 **Enforcement Date -** **WTO Type/Number -** TBT SLV/22
Objective - Establish quality standards for roasted and ground coffee.
Description - This Technical Regulation covers the following: purpose, scope of application, definitions, general requirements, specific requirements, sampling, sample preparation, tests, packaging and labelling, monitoring and verification.

End of Report.